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FOR ARA DEP. ASST. SEC. BRAY AND OPERATIONS CENTER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, VE

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY TRAVEL OF FORMER PRESIDENT BETANCOURT

1. PRESIDENT PEREZ HAS INFORMED ME HE IS SENDING
PRESIDENTIAL PLANE URGENTLY TO TAKE PRESIDENT BETANCOURT,
HIS WIFE, THREE DOCTORS AND AN AIDE TO NEW YORK. HE
STRESSED THIS WAS A TREMENDOUS EMERGENCY AND PLANE IS LEAVING
APPROXIMATELY 7:30 P.M. CARACAS TIME. AMBASSADOR CONSALVI
IS TO MEET PLACE IN NEW YORK.

2. PRESIDENT PEREZ HAS ASKED FOR FACILITIES IN
PERMITTING ENTRY OF PASSENGERS.

3. PASSENGERS WILL BE: PRESIDENT BETANCOURT; HIS
WIFE, DONA RENEE HARTMANN DE BETANCOURT; HIS DAUGHTER,
VIRGINIA BETANCOURT; DOCTORS VICTOR BRITO, RAUL
ARISTIGUIETA, RAFAEL CASTILLO; AND AIDE MAJOR JULIO
POCATERRA MEJIA. CREW IS: COMMANDER RAMON
MENDOZA IBARRA, COMMANDER NICOLAS APONTE AZUL
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AND COMMANDER OSVALDO ESTEVEZ. EMERGENCY IS SUCH
THAT PEOPLE ARE MOVING IMMEDIATELY TO THE
AIRPORT AND IMPOSSIBLE TO CHECK IF ALL HAVE PASSPORTS
AND/OR VISAS. PRESIDENT PEREZ HAS ASKED THAT WE
FACILITATE ENTRY OF PASSENGERS AND CREW, EVEN IF
VISAS ARE NOT IN IMMEDIATE POSSESSION IN VIEW OF
THE EMERGENCY. WE ARE NOTIFYING INS BY PHONE

OF THIS SITUATION.

4. PRESIDENT HAS ASKED THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TRIP BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. PROBLEM IS OBVIOUSLY MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND PRESIDENT PEREZ HAS ASKED FOR EVERY FACILITY FOR EX-PRESIDENT BETANCOURT WHO IS THE GRAND OLD MAN OF VENEZUELA. THE PRESIDENT OBVIOUSLY IS EXPECTING US TO RESOLVE ANY PROBLEMS THAT MAY ARISE IN NEW YORK AND IN VIEW OF THE EMERGENCY IS DISPATCHING THE PLANE IMMEDIATELY. THIS IS IMPORTANT AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE RESPOND.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT ALL FACILITIES BE GRANTED IN NEW YORK TO FACILITATE ENTRY OF PARTY AND CLEARANCE OF PLANE, EVEN THOUGH DOCUMENTATION MAY BE LACKING.
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